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1. BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, PAULO VIDAL, HAS URGENTLY CALLED US, ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, TO SEEK OUR SUPPORT FOR OAS PROTEST AGAINST ARSENIC DUMPING IN SOUTH ATLANTIC BY FINNS.

2. ACCORDING TO VIDAL, FINNISH SHIP ENSKERI IS NOW 1,000 MILES OFF AFRICAN COAST ON ITS WAY TO DUMP LARGE QUAN-
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TITIES OF ARSENIC INTO SOUTH ATLANTIC ON MARCH 29. BRA-

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ZILIANS UNDERSTAND COORDINATES DUMPING OPERATION WILL BE 5 DEGREES LONGITUDE SOUTH AND 5 DEGREES 30 MINUTES LAT-ITUDE WEST (DUE EAST OF NATAL).

3. BRAZILIANS, URUGUAYANS AND ARGENTINES HAVE APPARENTLY PROTESTED ARSENIC DUMPING TO FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTRY. SINCE PROTESTS PRODUCED NO RESULTS, BRAZIL PRESUMABLY SUPPORTED BY VENEZUELA AS WELL AS OTHERS MENTIONED ABOVE, WANTS OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL TO CALL UPON FINNS TO CEASE AND DESIST FROM DUMPING NOXIOUS CHEMICALS INTO HEMISPHERIC WATERS. BRAZILIANS CITE AMONG OTHER THINGS POTENTIAL OF GULF STREAM CURRENT TO SPREAD POLLUTION FAR AND WIDE.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE HELSINKI AND BRASILIA. WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN KNOWING THE PRECISE FACTS ONNATURE OF CHEMICAL AND WHETHER IN FACT IT IS TOXIC AND NON-BIODE-GRADABLE. INGERSOLL

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